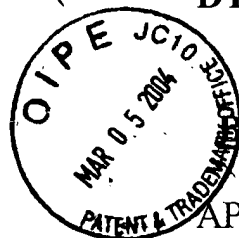


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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that an oral hearing be granted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(d) in the amount of \$290.00 and any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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